

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Withdrawn) A hair removal device, comprising:
 - a first handle having a first end and a second end;
 - a second handle having a first end and a second end, the second handle being connected to the first handle via a pivoting mechanism; and
 - a spring-like mechanism coupled to the first handle at the first handle first end and coupled to the second handle at the second handle first end;
 - wherein the device is placeable in a first configuration in which the spring-like mechanism is unexpanded;
 - wherein the device is placeable in a second configuration in which the spring-like mechanism is expanded via drawing the first handle second end and the second handle second end together, the first handle first end and the second handle first end thereby being drawn apart via the pivoting mechanism, the first handle first end and the second handle first end thereby expanding the spring-like mechanism, such that at least one opening is formed in the spring-like mechanism;
 - wherein a hair is received in the formed at least one opening when the device is in the second position; and
 - wherein the hair is entrapped in the hair removal device upon the device being placed in the first position following receiving of the hair in the formed at least one opening.
2. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 1, wherein the entrapped hair is removed via pulling of the device.

3. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 1, wherein the entrapped hair is removed via sliding of the device.

4. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 1, wherein the entrapped hair is removed via rolling of the device.

5. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 1, wherein the first handle comprises a solid material.

6. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 5, wherein the solid material is plastic.

7. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 1, wherein the spring-like mechanism comprises a coiled spring.

8. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 1, wherein the spring-like mechanism is coupled to the first handle and the second handle via a connector.

9. (Withdrawn) The hair removal device of claim 8, wherein the connector is a screw.

10. A hair removal device, comprising:
a spring-like mechanism having first and second ends, the spring-like mechanism being configurable into an expanded configuration and an unexpanded configuration, wherein the mechanism is biased in the unexpanded configuration;

a first handle attached to the first end of the spring-like mechanism; and
a second handle attached to the second end of the spring-like mechanism
wherein at least one of the first and second handles comprises a surface having a plurality of raised studs extending from each radial cross section of the surface thereof.

11. (Original) The hair removal device of claim 10, wherein the spring-like mechanism comprises a spiral spring.

12. (Original) The hair removal device of claim 10, wherein at least one of the first and second handle comprises plastic.

13. (Original) The hair removal device of claim 10, wherein at least one of the first and second handle comprises a roughened surface.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The hair removal device of claim 10, wherein the device is usable to remove hairs by expanding the device to the expanded configuration via the first and second handles, receiving a hair in the spring-like mechanism while the mechanism is in the expanded configuration, and entrapping the hair within the spring-like mechanism by allowing the mechanism to return to the unexpanded configuration.

16. (Original) A method for hair removal using a hair removal device, the hair removal device including a first handle having a first end and a second end; a second handle having a first end and a second end, the second handle being connected to the first handle via a pivoting mechanism; and a spring-like mechanism coupled to the first handle at the first handle first end and coupled to the second handle at the second handle first end, the method comprising:

placing the device in a first configuration in which the spring-like mechanism is unexpanded;

placing the device in a second configuration in which the spring-like mechanism is expanded via drawing the first handle second end and the second handle second end together, the first handle first end and the second handle first end thereby being drawn

apart via the pivoting mechanism, the first handle first end and the second handle first end thereby expanding the spring-like mechanism, such that at least one opening is formed in the spring-like mechanism;

receiving a hair in the formed at least one opening when the device is in the second position; and

entrapping the hair in the hair removal device upon the device being placed in the first position following receiving of the hair in the formed at least one opening.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the hair is attached to skin, the method further comprising:

moving the device such that the hair is detached from the skin.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein moving the device includes:

drawing the device away from the skin.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein moving the device includes:

pivoting the device relative to the skin.

20. (Withdrawn) A method for removing hair using a hair removal device, the hair removal device including a spring-like mechanism having first and second ends, the spring-like mechanism being configurable into an expanded configuration and an unexpanded configuration, wherein the mechanism is biased in the unexpanded configuration; a first handle attached to the first end of the spring-like mechanism; and a second handle attached to the second end of the spring-like mechanism, the method comprising:

expanding the device to the expanded configuration via the first and second handles;

receiving a hair in the spring-like mechanism while the mechanism is in the expanded configuration; and

entrapping the hair within the spring-like mechanism by allowing the mechanism to return to the unexpanded configuration.